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OATH AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

STATE OF TEXAS	§
COUNTY OF <u>Jefferson</u>	§

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this date, set forth below, personally appeared before me, **TRAVIS C. RILEY**, known to me to be the person whose signature is set forth below, and after being first duly sworn by me, did state under oath, the following:

My resident, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CREATION AND TRANSMISSION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATA**", the specification of which is filed herewith.

I hereby swear or affirm that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1,56(a).

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